



March 29, 2006

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In Re: Your request for information

Dear Ms. Mangrum:

I am writing this letter at your request after my telephone call to you Monday, March 27, 2006, informing you that I had received four (4) packets of certified mail addressed to Eagle Picher, Eagle Picher fka International Smelting & Refining Co., Eagle Picher fka International Lead Refining Co., and Eagle Picher fka Anaconda Lead Products, care of myself, Robert A. Lane, at my home address. As a courtesy, I attempted to deliver these four (4) packets of certified mail to Eagle Picher by going to their former place of business in Delta, Ohio, but it appears they are no longer in business there. There is also no telephone listing for them in the local telephone directories.

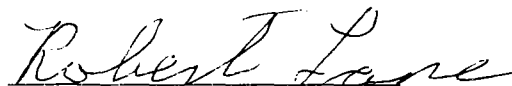
I explained this to you on the telephone, and you asked me to provide you with any information that I could regarding Eagle Picher. I refer you to my letters of March 14, 2002 to Craig Melodia and of March 25, 2002 to Denise Mahoney. For your convenience, in case those letters are lost or misplaced, I am enclosing copies. My only connection with Eagle Picher was through Markey Bronze, for whom I hauled foundry sand during 1962-65, to my best recollection. Markey Bronze was bought by Eagle Picher at some point in time, but I do not know when.

I have nothing to add to the information I submitted to your agency in my previous two letters. I know nothing about Eagle Picher's involvement with the U.S. Smelter and Lead Refinery, Inc. (USS Lead) Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.

I certify under penalty of law that I am a private person, retired from my single proprietorship hauling business in 2004, due to declining health, including extensive hospitalization and nursing home confinements. The information I submitted to your agency in 2002 is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

But I am not now an officer, agent, employee, or in any other connection, capacity, or relationship with Eagle Picher, Eagle Picher fka International Smelting & Refining Co., Eagle Picher fka International Lead Refining Co., or Eagle Picher fka Anaconda Lead Products, and I do not understand why you would send their mail in my care.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Lane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

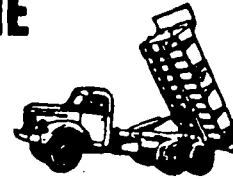
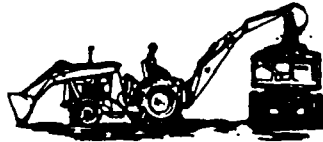
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March 14, 2002

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In re: Request for information and
permission to enter property

Dear Mr. Melodia:

I have received your letter of March 4, 2002, and all the materials attached to it, which I have tried to read attentively and follow your requested instructions. I hope to be as responsive and cooperative to your investigation as I can be, but I am handicapped to provide you with specific data. I was a single proprietor of a small business, and my wife kept what records that were necessary. She died October 13, 2000, and I wouldn't know where to begin to look for any documents going back to the seven or so years from approximately 1962, when, to my best recollection, I was engaged in transporting what now turns out to be possibly lead-contaminated foundry sand.

To the best of my ability, relying on my memory, these are my answers to your questions:

1. Yes.

a) The person from whom I accepted foundry sand for transport was Bill Schell, the foundry superintendent..

b) I am unable to give specific dates as I have no records available to me. It was about 1962 when I started, and it only lasted a few years.

c) I would pick up the sand from a railroad car, and it was light-colored. I delivered it to Markey Bronze, and, approximately two months later, I would pick it up again and now it would be black in color. I understood then that it had been used in making foundry castings.

kind during the last twenty years. I am physically disabled with acute arthritis and have been so for some time. I am solely relying on memory to answer your questions.

I have no objections to your drilling test holes on any of my properties. If possible, I would like to talk to Matthew Ohl, who has talked with me before.

My 4.90-acre lot on South Madison Street, Delta, Ohio is a bare lot and has no street address. The tax parcel number is 31-02-343-00 in the Fulton County Auditor's office. I am appending a legal description of this parcel to this letter.

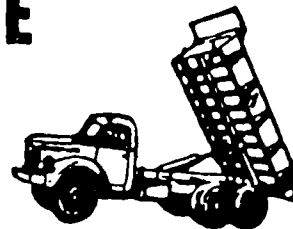
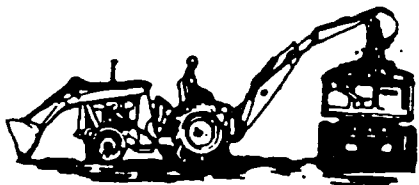
I certify under penalty of law that this document was prepared under my direction and supervision. All the information contained in it is directly from me without any other person intervening. All the information is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and as complete as I am able to make it. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Yours truly,

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March 25, 2004

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In re: Reply to letter dated March 4, 2004

Dear Ms. Mahoney:

In response to the questions in the letter from Oliver L. Warnsley, dated March 4, 2004, which he directed me to send to you, I submit the following:

Answers to Question 1:

- (A) Yes.
- (B) No
- (C) ?*
- (D) No
- (E) No

*Your letter refers to 325 S. Madison Street. There is no such address in Delta that I can verify with the Post Office. I'm assuming you are talking about 4.9 acres south of the railroad tracks.

Answers to Question 2:

As to Question 1, Item (A):

(A) It is impossible for me now to identify accurately and specifically either date(s) and/or year I hauled foundry sand to this location for reasons I gave you previously in my letter of March 14, 2002. However, since this was the very first instance in which I hauled foundry sand to any site, I can guess that the year had to have been 1962, which was the year I commenced my hauling business.

(B) I do not know the volume of the foundry sand I hauled to this site. If it will

help you, I can state, as an approximate guess, that every six weeks or so, I would haul away between 40 to 50 tons of sand from Markey Bronze.

(C) I worked alone.

(D) The foundry sand came from Markey Bronze, which is now Eagle Picher.

(E) The owner of the site approached me because his previous hauler had died, and he asked me if I would continue to haul the foundry sand in for him as the previous hauler had done.

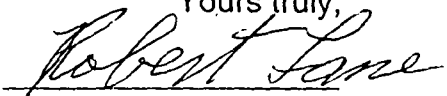
Question 3. For reasons I stated previously in my letter of March 14, 2002, I have no documentation I can supply.

Question 4. Joan B. Meister, 321 Main Street, Delta, Ohio 43515-0039 typed my response for me.

Question 5. I know of no other person(s) who would be able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any of your questions or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more specific help, but you are asking about events that took place over forty years ago.

Yours truly,


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